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Nebraska Monthly Unemployment Rate for November at 2.9 Percent

LINCOLN- The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) announced today that Nebraska's preliminary unemployment rate for November is 2.9 percent, seasonally adjusted. The jobless rate is the same as the October rate and down 0.2 percentage points from the November 2014 rate of 3.1 percent.

"Month to month, Nebraska's labor force employment increased by 2,818, the largest increase since 1976," said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. "The number of employed Nebraskans has increased for three months in a row."

Total nonfarm employment in November was 1,018,252, up by 15,300 compared to last November. Private industries with the most growth year over year were education and health services (up 5,444); trade, transportation and utilities (up 3,544); and financial activities (up 3,119). Month to month, the largest gains were seen in trade, transportation and utilities (up 3,285); financial activities (up 1,065); and other services (up 489).

The seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate for November is 5.0 percent, the same as the October rate and down 0.8 percentage points from the November 2014 rate of 5.8 percent.

December 2015 data will be published Tuesday, January 26.

Labor Force Estimates - National, State, Omaha MSA, Lincoln MSA, Grand Island MSA

Labor Force Estimates - National (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	Oct-15	Nov-14
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.0	5.8	0.0	-0.8

Labor Force Estimates - Nebraska (Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	Oct-15	Nov-14
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.0	-0.2
Labor Force	1,012,599	1,009,840	1,021,187	2,759	-8,588
Unemployment	29,516	29,575	31,498	-59	-1,982
Employment	983,083	980,265	989,689	2,818	-6,606

Labor Force Estimates - Omaha MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	Oct-15	Nov-14
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	3.1	-0.2	-0.4
Labor Force	481,042	479,192	479,506	1,850	1,536
<i>Unemployment</i>	13,161	13,896	14,792	-735	-1,631
<i>Employment</i>	467,881	465,296	464,714	2,585	3,167

Labor Force Estimates - Lincoln MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	Oct-15	Nov-14
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	2.3	-0.2	-0.2
Labor Force	181,389	180,970	180,517	419	872
<i>Unemployment</i>	3,722	4,118	4,204	-396	-482
<i>Employment</i>	177,667	176,852	176,313	815	1,354

Labor Force Estimates - Grand Island MSA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
	Prelim	Revised		Changes Since	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	Oct-15	Nov-14
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Labor Force	43,743	43,735	45,109	8	-1,366
<i>Unemployment</i>	1,227	1,241	1,347	-14	-120
<i>Employment</i>	42,516	42,494	43,762	22	-1,246

NOTE: Data is revised on a monthly basis. Data for previous years is benchmarked annually and is subject to change. MSAs represent Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Seasonally-adjusted data for the Omaha MSA and the Lincoln MSA is available about two weeks following this release. The seasonally-adjusted data can be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm> or <http://newworks.nebraska.gov/analyzer>.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MC)	Counties included	Nov-15 (Preliminary)	Oct-15 (Revised)
Beatrice MC	Gage	2.7	3.1
Columbus MC	Platte	3.2	3.1
Fremont MC	Dodge	2.7	3.0
Hastings MC*	Adams	2.4	2.6
Kearney MC	Buffalo, Kearney	1.9	2.1
Lexington MC	Dawson, Gosper	2.6	2.8
Norfolk MC	Madison, Pierce, Stanton	2.1	2.3
North Platte MC	Lincoln, Logan, McPherson	2.4	2.6
Scottsbluff MC	Scotts Bluff, Banner, Sioux	3.0	3.0
Red Willow SA (Small Labor Market Area)	Red Willow, Hitchcock	2.4	2.5

*Hastings MC is a single county MC in 2015 (Clay County was dropped).